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I return here the only two elements in the Brian Ampolsk material you sent which were not marked "duplicate," and assume these are all that need returning. If you need any of the ~~du~~^{ex}pax duplicates you sent, just say so. No need, meanwhile, to copy any of the rest. This is more than enough to give us a good idea of the Ampolsk angle, and thanks for sending it along.

Your long memo to Ivon and Alcock certainly make it appear that Ampolsk did indeed have some special knowledge about Oswald and his doings. I can add a footnote to your remark to them that "it simply is not credible that Brian was so affected by the assassination he went into a five-year mental illness and yet had no pertinent knowledge." We can cite a case here, a lad who was a brilliant teenager at the time, a whiz at electronics, mostly self-taught, and who went into some kind of a decline after the assassination. This was the word used by his father, who is a friend of ours. Last we heard the young man was still living very much in obscurity, with no one in the family willing to volunteer details and the subject obviously so painful to the family that we forebore asking. This kid had no "pertinent knowledge," yet the bottom obviously dropped out for him when JFK was gunned down, and as far as we know he still hasn't recovered. I suspect there are other cases if we only knew about them.

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